29th November 1955]

Gruel centre at Pappinisseri

* 2940 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the gruel centre started by the Government for the ex-Aaron Mill workers at Pappinisseri has been stopped with effect from this month and if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: Yes. The gruel centre was closed with effect from 1st September 1955 since the workers did not actually consume the gruel served at the centre and as the majority of them was likely to be absorbed by the Mill.

Sea Passengers Amenities Board

* 2941 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a State Committee had been formed by Government to advise the India Government and Customs' Authorities on amenities to sea passengers from Madras; and

(*b*) if so, when and the personnel of the Committee?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

* 2942 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether this Government recommended to the Central Government any names for appointment to the Madras State Sea Passengers' Amenities Board for the calendar years 1953, 1954 and 1955; and

(*b*) if so, the names recommended?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) Yes, Sir, if the Member is having in view the Deck Passenger Welfare Committee, Madras, constituted by the Government of India in May 1954 for a period of two years.

(*b*) (i) *Ex-officio*. The State Port Officer, Madras, was recommended and accepted by the Government of India.

(ii) The following panel of eight names for the nomination of three non-officials was recommended to the Government of India:—

(1) Srimathi S. Manjubhashini, M.L.C.

(2) ,, Sarojini Varadappan.

(Accepted by the Government of India.)

(3) Sri A. M. Allapichai, M.L.C.

(4) ,, K. Ramadas.

[29th November 1955

(5) Sri D. K. Kannappar.

(6) ,, P. M. Lingesan.

(Accepted by the Government of India.)

(7) Sri A. Varadappa Chetty.

(Accepted by the Government of India.)

(8) Sri V. G. S. V. Prasad.

Drinking water wells sunk in Coimbatore district

* 2943 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the answer given on 10th February 1955 to a supplementary question to question No. 611 the number of drinking water wells since sunk in the Coimbatore district in accordance with the decision to sink thousand more wells before 30th June 1955?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Four hundred and forty-eight.

Appointment of additional teachers in South Kanara

* 2944 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a representation from the South Kanara District Board for the sanction of additional teachers in the schools opened under the scheme to relieve unemployment, where the strength is more than thirty; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. In May last, the President of the District Board asked for 59 teachers for appointment as additional teachers in the schools opened during 1954-55. Out of the quota of teachers sanctioned by the Government of India for 1955–56, 58 teachers have been allotted to the District Board of whom 30 are for opening schools in the remaining centres where there are no schools and the rest, viz., 28 for appointment as additional teachers in the single-teacher schools opened last year. A few more teachers will be allotted to the District Board during the course of this year.

New rice mills

* 2945 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of applications that were received in 1954–55 for starting new rice mills and the number sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member presumably wants information regarding the number of applications for starting new rice mills that were received in the calendar years 1954 and 1955 (up-to-date).